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In re Patent Application of:
Tadaaki Oikawa et al.

Application No.: 10/037,475

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Art Unit: 1773

For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM,
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND
MAGNETIC RECORDING DEVICE

Examiner: L. V. Falasco

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom..

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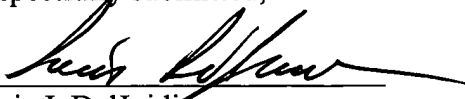
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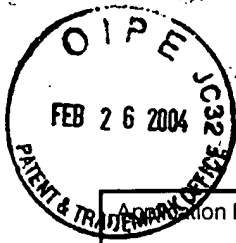
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